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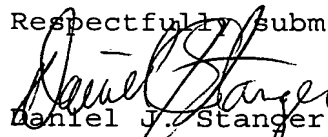
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Sir:

Applicant's attorney received an Office Action mailed February 5, 2004 (Paper No. 6) in the above-identified application. However, the Examiner did not provide a copy of Miller et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,790,634) which was used in a combination rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner issue a new Office Action and provide a copy of Miller and reset the statutory period to respond to begin with the mailing date of such action.

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